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FORMER TREGO COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTED

WICHITA, Kan. — U.S. Attorney Eric Melgren announced at 11:15 a.m. on February 11, 2004, that **Curtis L. Bender**, 37, former Trego County Sheriff, was just arrested by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in Lawrence, Kansas. Bender is scheduled to make his initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Wichita, Kansas, on Friday, February 13, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. before U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen M. Humphreys.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The indictment filed merely contains allegations of criminal conduct.